

IGALA Business meeting

(University of Wellington, Friday, July 4th, 5:00-5:55 pm)

5:07 pm Call to order by President Vicky Bergvall (VB)

Vicky Bergvall:

First order of business Welcome to IGALA 5 and special thanks to Jane Sunderland for her tireless work on this conference.

Agenda

1. Report from Executive/Advisory council meeting (July 3 2008)

VB:

- (i) Thanks to Janet for great getting of Bursaries & Sally McConnell-Ginet for support for American students and scholars
- (ii) There will be upcoming elections for the positions of secretary and Vice President
- (iii) We will be eliciting nominations from membership on the GALA-L listserve. Please nominate people.
- (iv) Thanks to webweaver Maryam Paknahad (MP) for her work and stay tuned for new development on the webpage.

VB: New advisory council responsibilities

- (i) Allyson Jule (AJ) will be working on developing various aspects of the IGALA website, along with Maryam (MP).
- (ii) We are developing strategies for "Talking to the world," where IGALA would give a position on a particular current language and gender issues. One or more spokespersons would be available to give interviews or write editorials. Lia Litosseliti (LL) and Ann Weatherall (AW) have agreed to take this forward.
- (iii) In the hope of encouraging local, regional or national, IGALA groups that will facilitate local IGALA events, the council has set up organizers (Mercedes Bengoechea and Michelle Lazar) to coordinate interest. These groups would be great especially in the years between conferences and for members from areas further away from the various conference locations.
- (iv) Jenny Davis (JD) as the graduate student representative will be assisting in the organization of the Student Essay competition, and will organize the Graduate Student Workshop at the next conference, IGALA 6. She has also agreed to assist Maryam (MP) with the blog development.
- (v) Carmen Rosa Caldas-Coulthard has agreed to be our liaison with Equinox in matters regarding subscriptions and other journal issues.
- (vi) Joan Pujolar will be working to determine the linguistic demographics and needs for the membership and future policies at conferences. Jenny (JD) will assist.

2. Next IGALA conference (IGALA6)

VB:

- (i) The Japan contingent, headed by Claire Maree, will be submitting a proposal in September.

3. Increasing journal subscriptions (including institutional ones)

VB:

- (i) Everyone is strongly encouraged to make sure their university library, and departmental if applicable, have subscriptions to *Language & Gender*. We should also be encouraging individuals to subscribe.

4. Contributing to *Gender and Language* journal

Susan Erlich (SE): Report on behalf of *Language & Gender* editors, Sarah Mills and Bonnie McElhinny

- (i) Volume 1, which has 2 issues, has already been published for 2007.
- (ii) Two new issues are now in press
- (iii) Special issues are especially welcomed. Specials issues on Japanese Women's Language (2/1) and Homophobia in Institutions (3/1)

Questions Raised:

Amy Sheldon (AS):

- (i) What is the acceptance rate for the journal?
Response- SE: 1 out of 3

AS:

- (ii) If subscribe now, do we get issue 2.1?
Response- SE: yes.

5. Treasurer's report

Janet Holmes (JH):

- (i) IGALA 5 had a total of 140 registrations, which should cover costs of conference along with aid from sponsors.
- (ii) All money collected today and subsequently will be given to next conference hosts.
- (iii) To change under-representation of members from Africa, it has been proposed to development funding and bursaries specifically for presenters from Africa at future meetings.

Questions Raised:

AS:

- (i) How much were the bursaries?
Response- JH: They were divided evenly among each of the recipients.

AS:

- (ii) What was done with those that weren't accepted?
Response- JH: They were disbursed among all of those who accepted that type of bursary.

6. AOB

MP:

- (i) We are setting up a blog, which will be searchable, and may replace some of the traffic on the listserve.

- (ii) I hope to make website very robust for members.

Questions Raised:

AS:

- (i) How is the graduate student position working out?

Response- VB: It is working out well. Jenny (JD) will be organizing the Graduate Student Workshop at IGALA6, and co-organizing the Student Essay competition with me.

AS:

- (ii) Do graduate students know that the position exists and is available?

Response- JD: Yes, I have heard from several graduate students from the membership, and I will make a concerted effort to get feedback on the various topics that come up.

Jose Santaemilia (JS):

- (i) A book of the proceedings from IGALA4 is available on the website.

AS:

- (i) How are our liaisons with groups like LSA, MLA, etc.?

Response- VB: We have an increasing presence at those types of organizations and groups.

MP:

- (i) I want to invite all members to be more involved with website development. If you have any ideas or feedback, I would really love to hear from you.

VB:

- (i) Once again, please nominate your best colleagues to the positions of VP (Pres. Elect) and Secretary. There are job descriptions on the website.

JH:

- (i) IGALA has been approached by Cambridge Scholars press to publish a proceeding from the conference. We will work out a plan with Bonnie and Sara to decide between submissions to Gender and Language or the Cambridge anthology.

AS:

- (i) Have people kept track of the ideas suggested at the planning meeting at Cornell? And are people tracking progress of those ideas?

Response- JS: The actions identified in Valencia have been examined and are on track, and we will track down the minutes from Cornell.

7. Date of next meeting

VB: May 2009 will be the next electronic IGALA meeting

VB: 5:55pm Meeting adjourned for dinner